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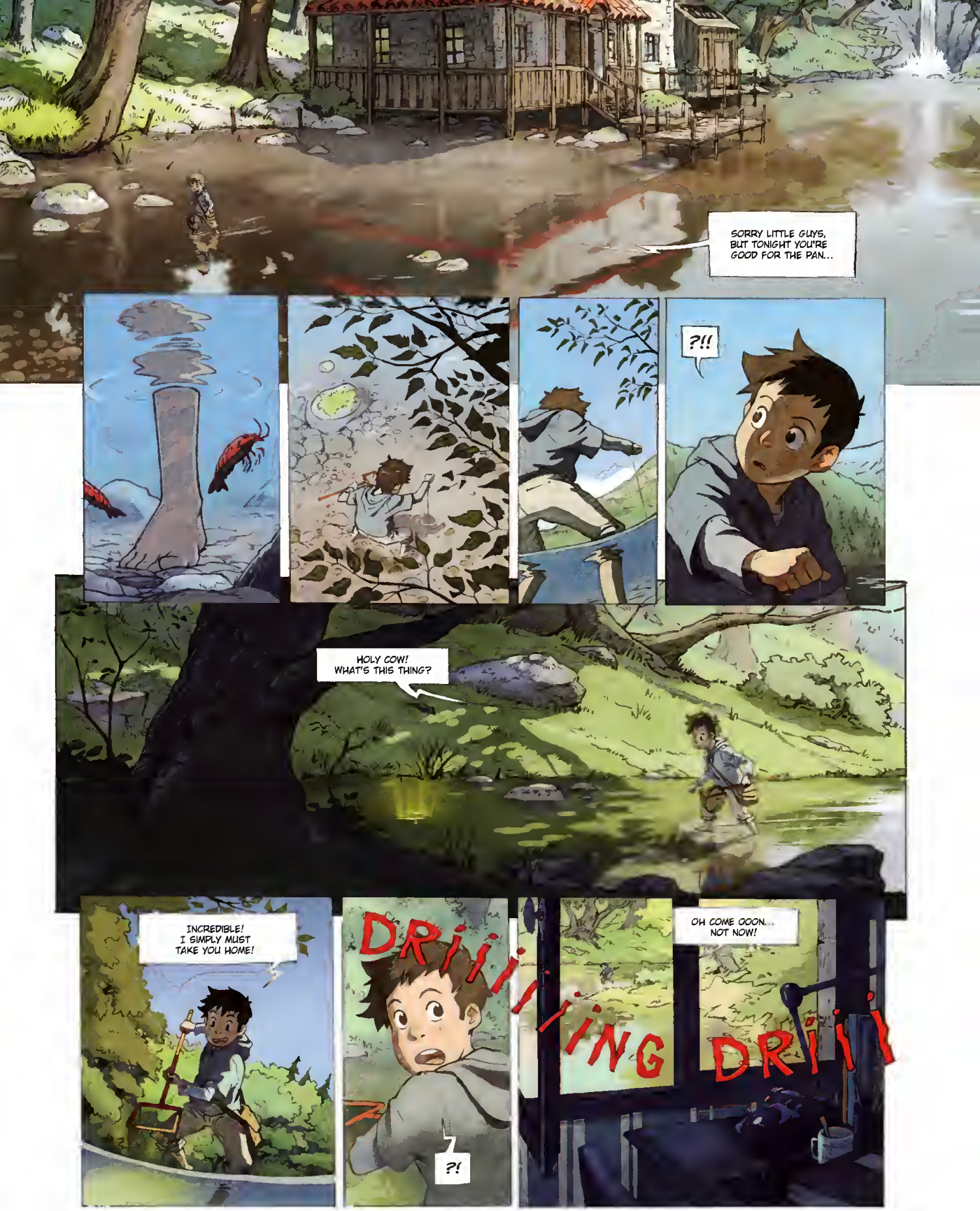
A SMALL MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, FAR FROM THE BUSTLE OF THE WORLD...
BAKERY
WHAT IN THE HEAVENS WAS THAT?
THAT? IT WAS LITTLE MILO, HURRYING TO HIS CRAYFISH HUNT...
HE'S FAST!
AND CRAFTY, AT THAT...
LIKE HIS FATHER WHEN HE WAS A CHILD...
FREE AT LAST!!!
FREEEE!


SORRY LITTLE GUYS, BUT TONIGHT YOU'RE GOOD FOR THE PAN...
?!!
HOLY COW! WHAT'S THIS THING?
INCREDIBLE! I SIMPLY MUST TAKE YOU HOME!
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OH COME OOON... NOT NOW!
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HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!
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SHEEE
YES! YES! I'M COMING!
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HNNG... JUST A MINUTE!
KLONK!
STAY RIGHT THERE, OKAY?! I'LL BE BACK SOON!

CLIC
HELLO...?
MILO, IS THAT YOU?!
WHERE WERE YOU? THE PHONE RANG FOR AGES, I WAS WORRIED!
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO OVER-THE-TOP, DAD... I WAS JUST OUT FISHING!
YOU KNOW THAT I DON'T WANT YOU TO STAY ON THE LAKE FOR TOO LONG...
...IT CAN BE DANGEROUS, MILO!
WELL, SINCE YOU'RE NEVER HERE, I NEED SOME KIND OF DISTRACTION...
LISTEN I... I'M SORRY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO COME HOME THIS WEEKEND, I HAVE WORK... YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?
AH NO! YOU PROMISED THAT WE WOULD RESTORE THE BOAT TOGETHER!
I'LL MAKE UP FOR IT LATER...
PFF... YEAH, RIGHT. LATER... YOU ONLY COME HOME ONCE A MONTH...
WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS, MILO. YOU KNOW THAT I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER. BUT THE OLD AUNTS TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU, RIGHT?
YEAH, THE OLD LADIES... PFF! THEY'RE GREAT!
I'LL CALL YOU AGAIN THIS WEEKEND...
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SHR
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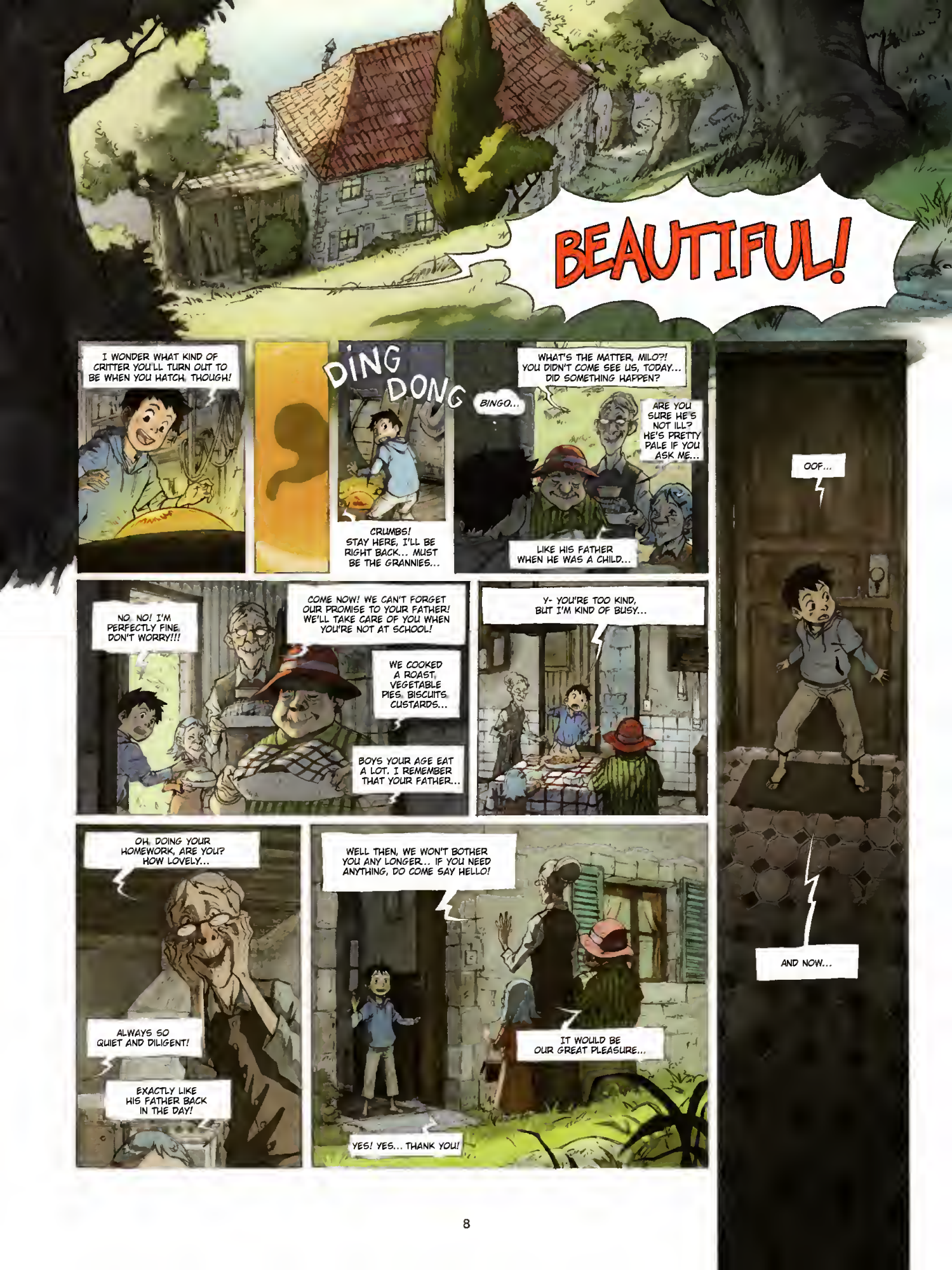
MMM...
MMM...
SHR
STOP FIDGETING LIKE THAT, OR I'LL HAVE TO KNOCK YOU OUT AGAIN!
SCRBLRFF!
HMPF!
DAMN! IF I KEEP ON LUGGING YOU AROUND LIKE THIS, SOMEONE'S GONNA NOTICE ME...
AND IF THEY FIND OUT I BROUGHT YOU HERE... AH!
THERE. THAT'LL BE PERFECT!
I'LL COME BACK TO TAKE CARE OF YOU LATER...
SBROFF!
...AND NOW, LET'S GET TO WORK!


BEAUTIFUL!
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF CRITTER YOU'LL TURN OUT TO BE WHEN YOU HATCH, THOUGH!
DING DONG
CRUMBS! STAY HERE, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK... MUST BE THE GRANNIES...
BINGO...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, MILO?! YOU DIDN'T COME SEE US, TODAY... DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
ARE YOU SURE HE'S NOT ILL? HE'S PRETTY PALE IF YOU ASK ME...
LIKE HIS FATHER WHEN HE WAS A CHILD...
OOF...
AND NOW...
NO, NO! I'M PERFECTLY FINE, DON'T WORRY!!!
COME NOW! WE CAN'T FORGET OUR PROMISE TO YOUR FATHER! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT SCHOOL!
WE COOKED A ROAST, VEGETABLE PIES, BISCUITS, CUSTARDS...
BOYS YOUR AGE EAT A LOT. I REMEMBER THAT YOUR FATHER...
Y- YOU'RE TOO KIND, BUT I'M KIND OF BUSY...
OH, DOING YOUR HOMEWORK, ARE YOU? HOW LOVELY...
ALWAYS SO QUIET AND DILIGENT!
EXACTLY LIKE HIS FATHER BACK IN THE DAY!
WELL THEN, WE WON'T BOTHER YOU ANY LONGER... IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, DO COME SAY HELLO!
IT WOULD BE OUR GREAT PLEASURE...
YES! YES... THANK YOU!

WELL I'LL BE!
I LOOK AWAY FOR TWO MINUTES, AND BAM! THAT'S THE MOMENT YOU CHOOSE TO TRANSFORM...
...INTO A GORGEOUS GOLDEN FISH!
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, YOU MUST BE PRETTY HUNGRY AFTER ALL THAT...
WHAT CAN I GIVE YOU?
OH YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
PAF!
FISH CAN EAT ANYTHING, RIGHT?
SOME ROAST, A FEW BISCUITS...
IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD HAVE EATEN ALL OF THAT UP ANYWAY...
DING DONG!
OH SHOOT! IT'S THE GRANNIES AGAIN!
THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MEDDLESOME YOU CAN BE!
?!

HELLO, YOUNG MAN... I WORK FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS LOST SOMETHING ON THE LAKE... HAVE YOU SEEN ANYTHING UNUSUAL THERE LATELY?
SO... SOMEONE? SOMETHING?
ERR... NOPE, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR...
ARE YOU SURE? WOULD YOU TELL ME IF YOU DO?
S... SURE...
WAIT A MINUTE... IS THAT A ROAST I SMELL?
HMMM?
OH, THIS? NO, NO NO! IT'S JUST MASHED FOOD FOR OUR DOG...
WHAT?! YOU... YOU HAVE A DOG?!
ERR, YES... YES! AND A BIG ONE, TOO! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO FEED HIM... HE GETS QUITE VICIOUS WHEN HE'S HUNGRY...
UH... HAHAHA! THEN I WON'T TAKE UP ANY MORE OF YOUR TIME...
BUT I'LL COME AGAIN... PLEASE TAKE A CAREFUL LOOK AROUND, AND IF YOU SEE ANYTHING STRANGE...
OH, DON'T WORRY, SIR! I WILL!
AND MAKE SURE TO KEEP YOUR DOG AWAY NEXT TIME...
WHEW...
VLAM!
...WHAT A WEIRDO!

I SEE YOU *WERE* HUNGRY, HUH...

BUT YOU'D BETTER STOP NOW, BEFORE YOU BLOW UP LIKE A BALLOON!

YOU KNOW...

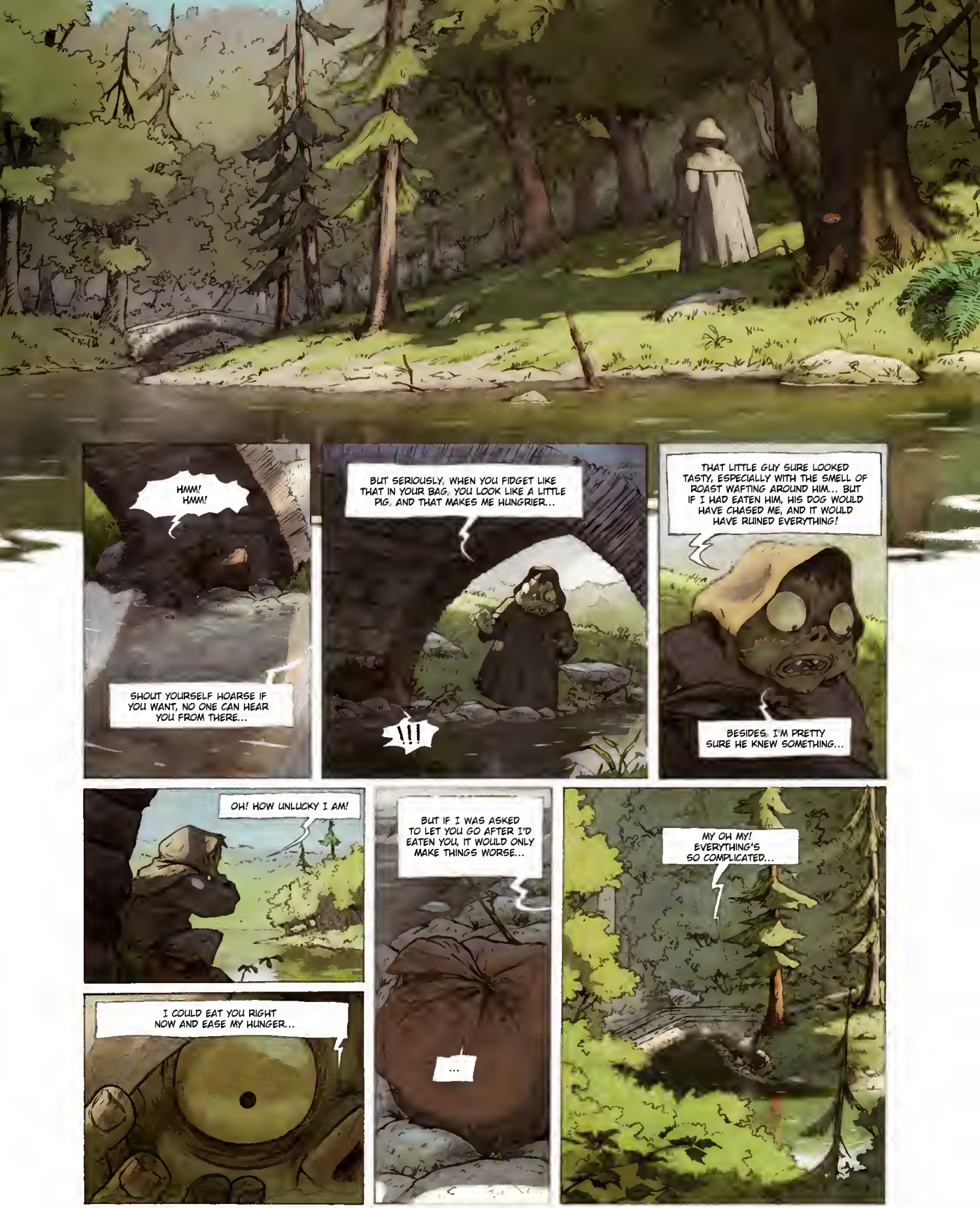
SOME SUSPICIOUS GUY JUST VISITED...
APPARENTLY, HE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FROM THE LAKE...

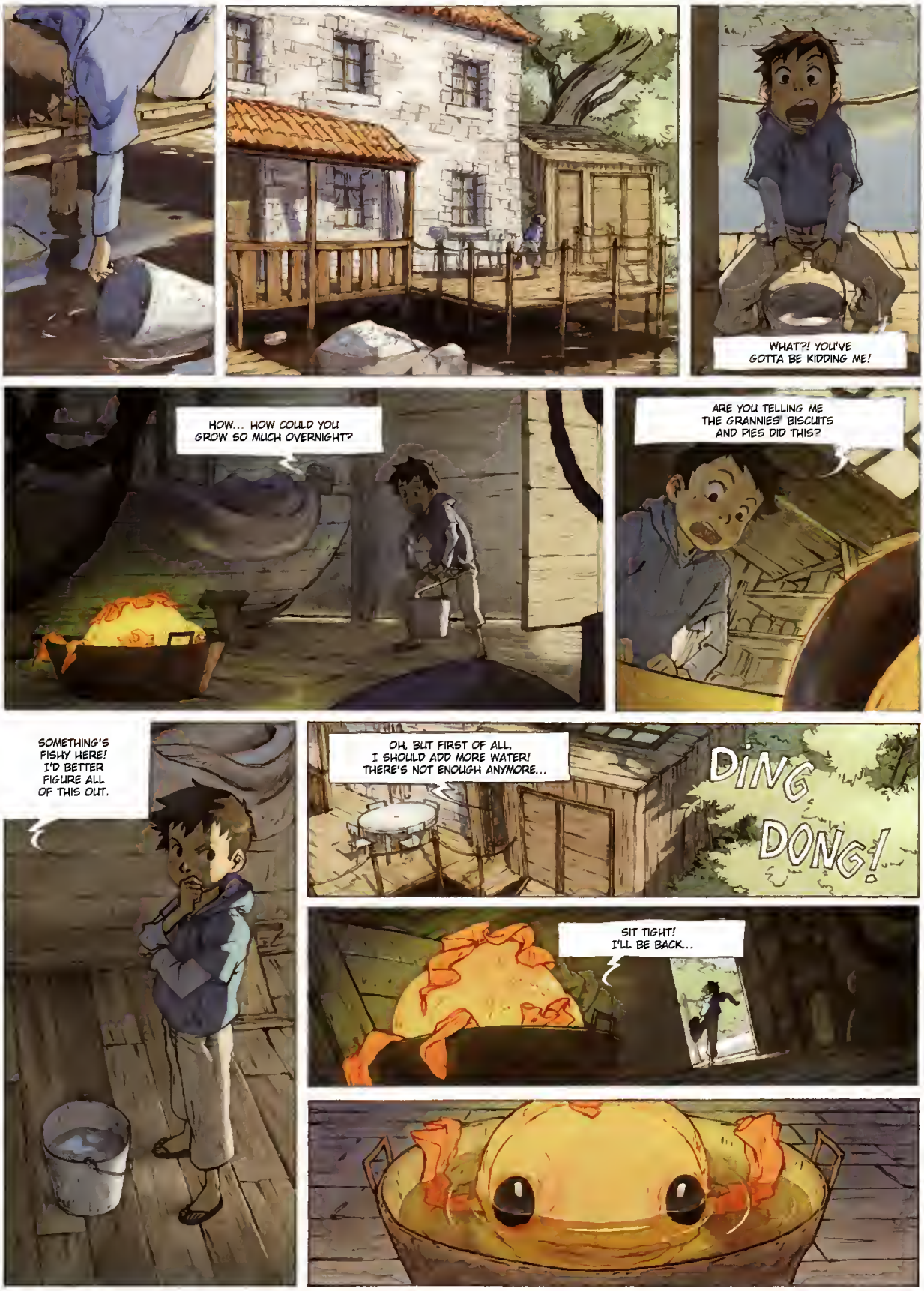
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW WHAT HE MEANT, WOULD YOU?

HEH... I MUST GOING CRAZY STUCK HERE ALL ON MY OWN!
LIKE YOU COULD ANSWER ME!
YOU'RE JUST A FISH!!!

STILL THAT GUY WAS DEFINITELY A WEIRDO...

MILO WAS STRANGE TODAY, WASN'T HE?
OH YES, VERY STRANGE.
DIDN'T HE REMIND YOU OF SOMEONE?


HMM!
HMM!
SHOUT YOURSELF HOARSE IF YOU WANT, NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU FROM THERE...
BUT SERIOUSLY, WHEN YOU FIDGET LIKE THAT IN YOUR BAG, YOU LOOK LIKE A LITTLE PIG, AND THAT MAKES ME HUNGRIER...
!!!
THAT LITTLE GUY SURE LOOKED TASTY, ESPECIALLY WITH THE SMELL OF ROAST WAFTING AROUND HIM... BUT IF I HAD EATEN HIM, HIS DOG WOULD HAVE CHASED ME, AND IT WOULD HAVE RUINED EVERYTHING!
BESIDES, I'M PRETTY SURE HE KNEW SOMETHING...
OH! HOW UNLUCKY I AM!
I COULD EAT YOU RIGHT NOW AND EASE MY HUNGER...
BUT IF I WAS ASKED TO LET YOU GO AFTER I'D EATEN YOU, IT WOULD ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE...
...
MY OH MY! EVERYTHING'S SO COMPLICATED...


WHAT?! YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
HOW... HOW COULD YOU GROW SO MUCH OVERNIGHT?
ARE YOU TELLING ME THE GRANNIES' BISCUITS AND PIES DID THIS?
SOMETHING'S FISHY HERE! I'D BETTER FIGURE ALL OF THIS OUT.
OH, BUT FIRST OF ALL, I SHOULD ADD MORE WATER! THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ANYMORE...
DING DONG!
SIT TIGHT! I'LL BE BACK..

IS HE GONE?
HEH! HIS DOG MUST BE ASLEEP! IT'S NOW OR NEVER...
THERE'S SO MANY WEIRD THINGS GOING ON ALL OF A SUDDEN...
COULD IT BE THAT...
OH! I KNEW IT...
...THE WEIRDO'S BACK AFTER ALL!
HEE HEE HEE!
OH NO... HE'S COMING HERE. JUST WHAT IS HE AFTER?!

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GRR! WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!
YES! YES! I KNOW YOU'RE HUNGRY, REX!
!!!
AH NO, I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO OUT! YOU'LL EAT ANY OLD FILTHY THING THAT'S LYING AROUND!
ESPECIALLY TOADS, I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE THEM!
BUT MAN, I'M REALLY CURIOUS WHAT HOLE HE CRAWLED OUT OF...
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU HIDE WHEN YOU'RE NOT GOING AROUND THE VILLAGE ANNOYING RANDOM KIDS?
AND HIS HUGE DOG IS ALWAYS THERE... IF IT WOULD LEAVE FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES, MAYBE I COULD TAKE ACTION...
I'D BETTER GET HOME QUICK...
DO YOU GET IT? AT THIS RATE, I'LL HAVE TO MAKE YOU MY NEXT MEAL...

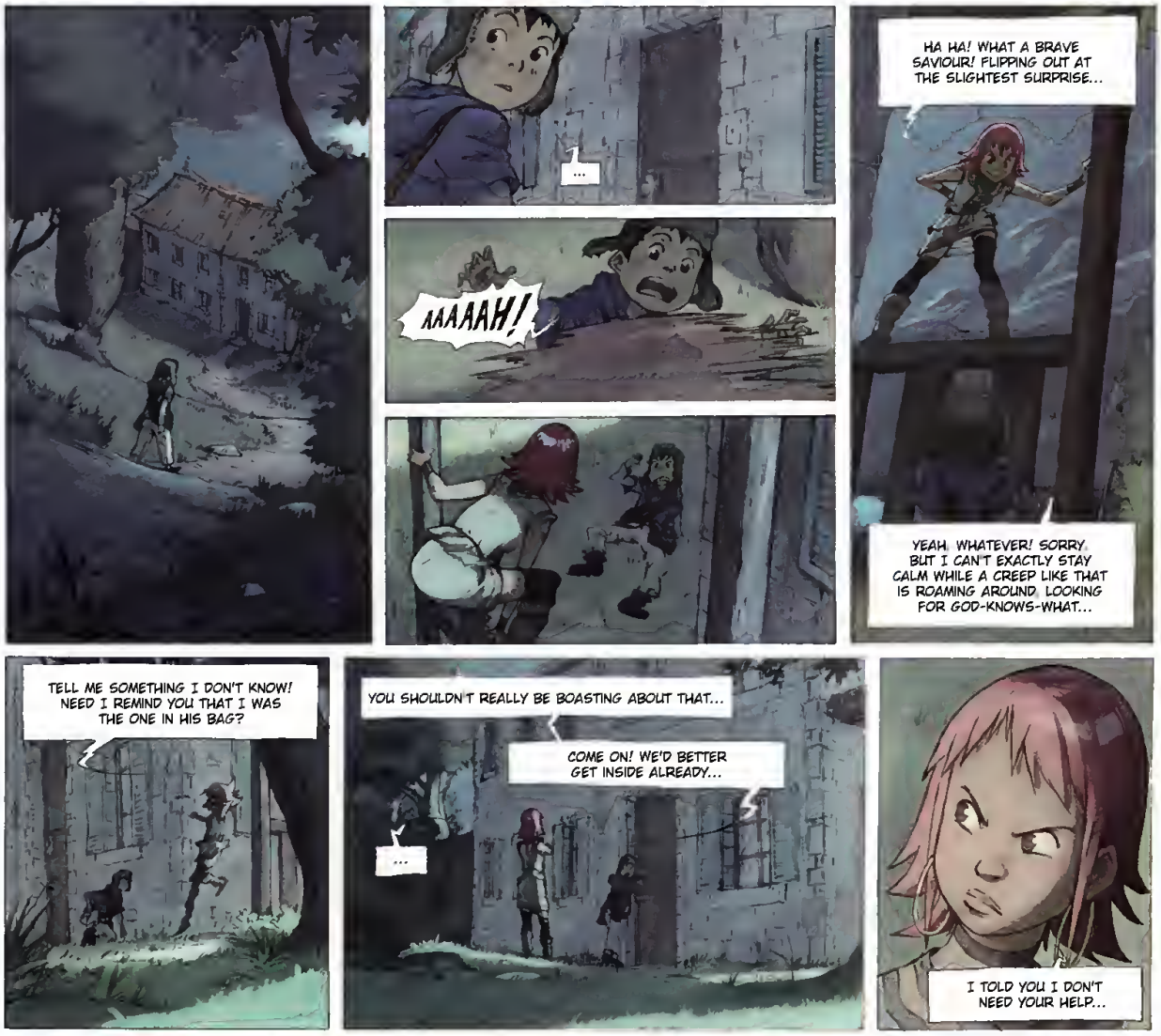
I NEED A FLASHLIGHT!
A BAG...
A BLANKET, JUST IN CASE...
BOOTS...
AN UMBRELLA...
NOW I CAN GIVE HIM A WARM WELCOME!
?!
SPLASH!
SPLOSH!
WHAT?! YOU'RE STILL HUNGRY?! BUT I GAVE YOU ALL I HAD! YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW!
I CAN'T JUST RUN OUT THIS LATE TO ASK THE GRANNIES FOR QUICHES AND CHERRY PIES, YOU KNOW?
THAT'D BE SUSPICIOUS!
SO FOR NOW...
LET'S GO HUNT SOME TOADS!

HOW STRANGE...
...IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S TALKING WITH SOMEONE...
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND! IF I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING TO EAT BY TONIGHT, YOU GO IN THE PAN!
HMM! HMM!
HMM! HMM!
ALRIGHT! ALL CLEAR...
GOTTA BE QUICK!
HMM!!! HMM?!
AAAAAAAHHHHHH !
VLAN!
OUCH!!!
...

SBAFF!
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
?!
WH... WHERE ARE WE? HOW DID I END UP HERE?
YOU WERE CAPTURED BY THAT WEIRD... TOAD-FACED GUY!
IT... IT WAS ME WHO GOT YOU OUT...
YOU WANTED TO GET ME OUT? DON'T YOU MEAN KNOCK ME OUT?!
WELL... THAT'S 'CAUSE I WAS SHOCKED AND WORRIED THAT GUY WAS COMING BACK...
AAAAH! NO! NO! NO!
I CAN'T STAY HERE, I MUST GET BACK HOME AT ANY COST!

WAIT, YOU'RE JUST GONNA GO LIKE THIS, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?! IT COULD BE DANGEROUS!
STOP FOLLOWING ME! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!
OH, OF COURSE! JUST LIKE HOW YOU COULDN'T GET OUT OF THAT SACK? HOW DID HE EVEN CATCH YOU, ANYWAY?
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
BUT THIS IS MY OWN BUSINESS! I WAS THE ONE WHO FREED YOU, RIGHT? NOW I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO YOU...
OH YEAH? THEN HEAR THIS, AND GET OFF YOUR HIGH HORSE...
THIS TOAD, OR WHATEVER YOU CALL HIM, WANTED TO EAT ME, DON'T YOU KNOW!
OOOH, SO THAT'S WHY! I KNEW HE WAS A WEIRDO...
YOU'RE THE WEIRDO...
LOOK, MAYBE I CAN HIDE YOU AT MY PLACE FOR TONIGHT...
NO THANKS! I ALREADY TOLD YOU I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!
SHRR SHRR
GOD, WHAT AN ANNOYING GIRL!

HUM, HUM, HUM...
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE NOW
I'LL HAVE TO CHOW YOU DOWN...
NOT THAT I'M DOING IT HAPPILY, THOUGH...
IN FACT IT MIGHT EVEN MAKE ME SADDER THAN YOU...
BUT I'VE GOTTA SURVIVE, YOU KNOW...
WHAT THE-! HEY! HOW RUDE!
YOU CAN'T MAKE OFF LIKE THAT!
NOT AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU!
IS THAT SSSO?
AND WHAT EXACTLY HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME?
GULP!
OH... OH! IT WAS YOU...
WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO?
IT'S LIKE YOU WERE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE... KSSS...
WELL... NO ONE, REALLY...
DON'T TAKE ME FOR A FOOL,
WHAT WAS THERE IN THAT BAG...?
OH! YOU MEANT WHO I WAS TALKING TO IN THAT SACK? ERR, NO ONE SPECIAL, JUST A LITTLE... UMM...
A LITTLE HEN THAT I BROUGHT IN CASE I GOT A LITTLE HUNGRY... BUT IT RAN AWAY...
YOU WASSSTED YOUR TIME, AS USUAL...
DON'T SAY THAT, THERE'S A DOG THERE... A BIG ONE... AND YOU KNOW HOW SCARED I AM OF THOSE BEASTS...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AAAAAH!
HA HA! WHAT A BRAVE SAVIOUR! FLIPPING OUT AT THE SLIGHTEST SURPRISE...
YEAH, WHATEVER! SORRY, BUT I CAN'T EXACTLY STAY CALM WHILE A CREEP LIKE THAT IS ROAMING AROUND, LOOKING FOR GOD-KNOWS-WHAT...
TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW! NEED I REMIND YOU THAT I WAS THE ONE IN HIS BAG?
YOU SHOULDN'T REALLY BE BOASTING ABOUT THAT...
COME ON! WE'D BETTER GET INSIDE ALREADY...
...
I TOLD YOU I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP...
SO WHAT? WOULD YOU PREFER SPENDING THE NIGHT WITH THAT OTHER GUY?
CLAC
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

STILL. THIS IS A PROBLEM!
I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO GIVE YOU, SEE?!
WHAT'S THAT THING DOING HERE?!
DON'T WORRY, VALIA. I FOUND IT AT THE LAKE. WE'RE FRIENDS. NOW...
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT HE KEEPS GROWING. HE'LL END UP AS BIG AS A WHALE AT THIS RATE...
BUT... YOU CAN'T KEEP IT HERE!
I KNOW THAT ALREADY! I'M GONNA NEED A BIGGER TUB...
AND WAY MORE FOOD, TOO...
STAY HERE, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
WAIT, MILO! YOU MUST SEND THIS FISH BACK TO THE LAKE!
...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

OH MY! HAVE YOU EATEN EVERYTHING ALREADY?
IT'S DELIGHTFUL TO SEE A CHILD WITH SUCH AN APPETITE!
LOOK AT THOSE PINK AND PLUMP LITTLE CHEEKS!
THANKFULLY, WE MADE MORE!
WE EVEN PREPARED A FEW EXTRA PIES. JUST IN CASE!
JAMS, SAUSAGES...
?!
WOW...
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT A COUPLE MORE QUICHES FOR YOUR AFTERNOON SNACK?
OH, NO! I'LL BE FINE... FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS AT LEAST...
HE'S SO CUTE...
THEY TRULY GROW UP BEFORE YOU KNOW IT...
YES, ONE DAY YOU WAKE UP AND, POOF! GROWN UP!
THIS SHOULD FILL IT UP!
CLONK
HEY!
AAAAHHHH !
SCHBROUF
DAMN IT!

ANOTHER WEIRDO, YET NOT QUITE THE SAME AS THE FIRST ONE...
HEY! DON'T GET ANY CLOSER, MISTER! MY DOG COULD MISTAKE YOU FOR-
OH, YOU HAVE A DOG? HOW LOVELY... MAY I SEE HIM? I LOVE THOSE LITTLE FURBALLS...
MISTAKE YOU FOR... FOR... ERR...
HE'S NO SMALL PUPPY, YOU KNOW! HE'S BIG, WITH A MOUTH FULL OF TEETH AND-
OOOH... YOU'RE NOT SAYING THAT TO SCARE ME AWAY, ARE YOU?
S-SCARE YOU? WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT... GULP!
ERRM... I HAVE TO GO GET BREAKFAST READY FOR MY DAD, SO...
WELL, DON'T MIND ME! FEEL FREE TO STARE ALL YOU WANT FROM A DISTANCE!
VLAN!
THAT KID LIES LIKE A DOG, DOESN'T HE... SSSSS...

GRMPF! SLURP! SCHLURP!
ARE YOU DONE?!
?!
WHAT WE SEEK IS IN THAT HOUSE...
IDIOT! YOU LEAD THEM RIGHT TO US!
NO I DIDN'T! THEY ALREADY CAME HERE EARLIER!
MAYBE NOW YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY YOU SHOULDN'T BRING RANDOM THINGS INTO YOUR HOME...
...NOT EVEN GOLDEN FISH!
SO THEY REALLY ARE AFTER THAT... BUT WHAT DO THEY WANT IT FOR?
BEATS ME. BUT I KNOW THESE TWO, AND TRUST ME: THEY'RE NOT ONES TO TAKE LIGHTLY...
WE SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE. FAST!
AH! I KNOW!

WHAT? IN THAT THING?!
MY FATHER AND I WERE SUPPOSED TO REPAIR IT. SO IT'S NOT IN THE BEST SHAPE. BUT I'M SURE WE CAN STILL PUT IT TO GOOD USE...
LET'S LAUNCH IT AND TRY TO GET TO THE VILLAGE! WE'LL BE SAFE THERE!
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO THE VILLAGE!
BUT THOSE GUYS'LL GET IN HERE SOONER OR LATER... WE HAVE TO LEAVE...
GIVE ME A HAND!
ALRIGHT, HOLD ON! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
...
Dad,
I went to the lake to take care of some business... it could take a while. If you don't find me when you're back next week, try looking for me at the village. I hope the house will still be standing by then...
Milo

VALIA, NO JOKE. THEY'RE WAITING FOR US OUTSIDE!
OKAY. AFTER I COUNT TO THREE YOU OPEN THE LATCH. I PUSH THE BOAT. IT GOES OFF TO THE LAKE ON ITS CASTERS. AND YOU JUMP IN AS IT DOES.
AND... WHAT ABOUT THE GOLDEN FISH?!
OH SHOOT! IT'S THAT HOODED WEIRDO!
I'LL SPILL ITS TUB SO IT SLIDES INTO THE LAKE TOO!

OH JEEZ! THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A GOOD IDEA!
THERE'S NO WAY IT'LL WORK!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

COME ON! HELP ME GET THE TUB CLOSER TO THE DOOR!

THIS ISN'T GONNA WORK! IT ISN'T GONNA WORK!

HERE WE GO... ONE... TWO...
BLAM
BLAM

...THREE!
CLAC

RRRRRRRRR

VLAM!
SPLACH!
NOW YOUR TURN!

VALIA, GRAB MY HAND! QUICK!
NOW LOOK AT ME. I'M ALL WET!
THE BOAT WAS TOO FAR AWAY!
?!
IT... IT'S THE GOLDEN FISH... HE'S DRAGGING US AWAY!
SSSSTUPID! YOU LET THEM GET AWAY AGAIN!
YOU SIMPLY MUST TELL ME HOW THAT GIRL ENDED UP HERE...
THAT... ERM... THAT GIRL? WELL... I'VE NO IDEA, REALLY...

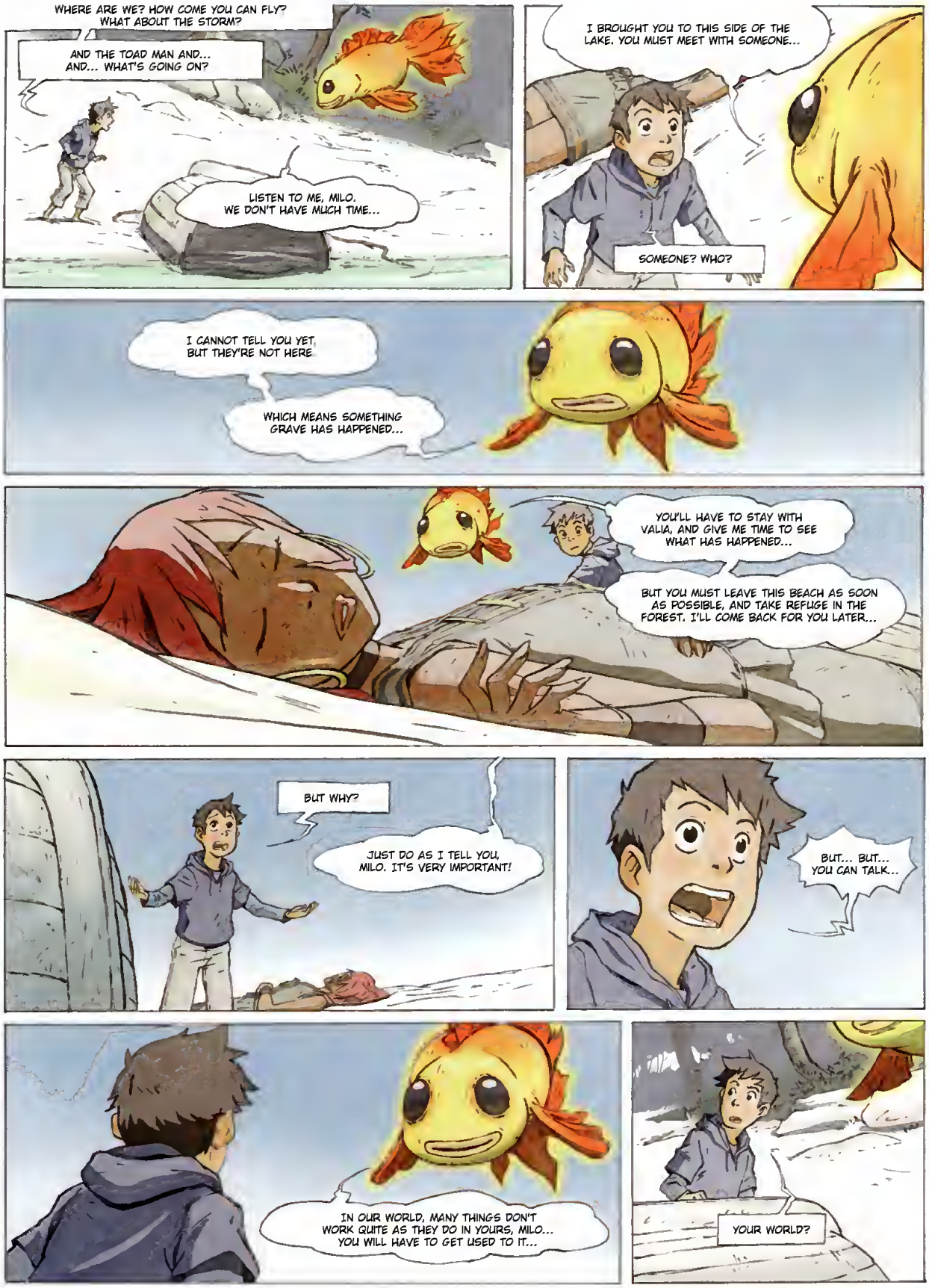
OH! I GET IT: YOU HELPED ME OUT OF A TIGHT SPOT TOO, 'CAUSE YOU WANT ME TO FEEL GUILTY SO I'LL KEEP TRAVELING WITH YOU!
HAH, THAT'S A FUNNY WAY OF SAYING "THANKS"! BUT IT'S A BIT EARLY TO GET HAUGHTY...
WE'RE STILL IN A TIGHT SPOT...
WHAT... STORMCLOUDS? IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE? WE'VE GOTTA CHANGE OUR COURSE, QUICK!!!
CRRRAAAAACCK!
BROOOOOOOOOOR
BUT THIS STUPID FISH KEEPS PULLING US INTO THE STORM!
NOT THIS WAY, TWIT!
OH, WHAT A PRETTY STORM! DO YOU SUPPOSE MILO IS...
INDEED! IT SEEMS IT HAS ALREADY STARTED. I'LL GO GRAB THE UMBRELLAS...
OH MY YES! IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO MISS THAT!

BROOOOOOOOOO
LOOK OU-

ARE YOU READY?
ALL SET!
OH MY YES!
SPLOOF!

?!
VALIA...
V... VALIA...
?!
VALIA! WAKE UP! WE'VE WASHED UP ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE...
OH NO...
NO NEED TO WORRY, MILO. VALIA IS ONLY UNCONSCIOUS, SHE WILL BE UP SOON ENOUGH!
?!

WHO... WHO'S THERE? WHO JUST SPOKE?
WHAT, YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE ME? OH, YES, I FORGOT THAT YOU CAN'T HEAR MY "VOICE" ON THE OTHER SIDE...
THE OTHER SIDE? I CAN'T SEE YOU, THE SUNLIGHT'S TOO STRONG...
IT'S NOT THE SUNLIGHT MILO, IT'S JUST ME...
DON'T BE AFRAID, OPEN YOUR EYES.
HUH... IT CAN'T BE...
...IT'S YOU!

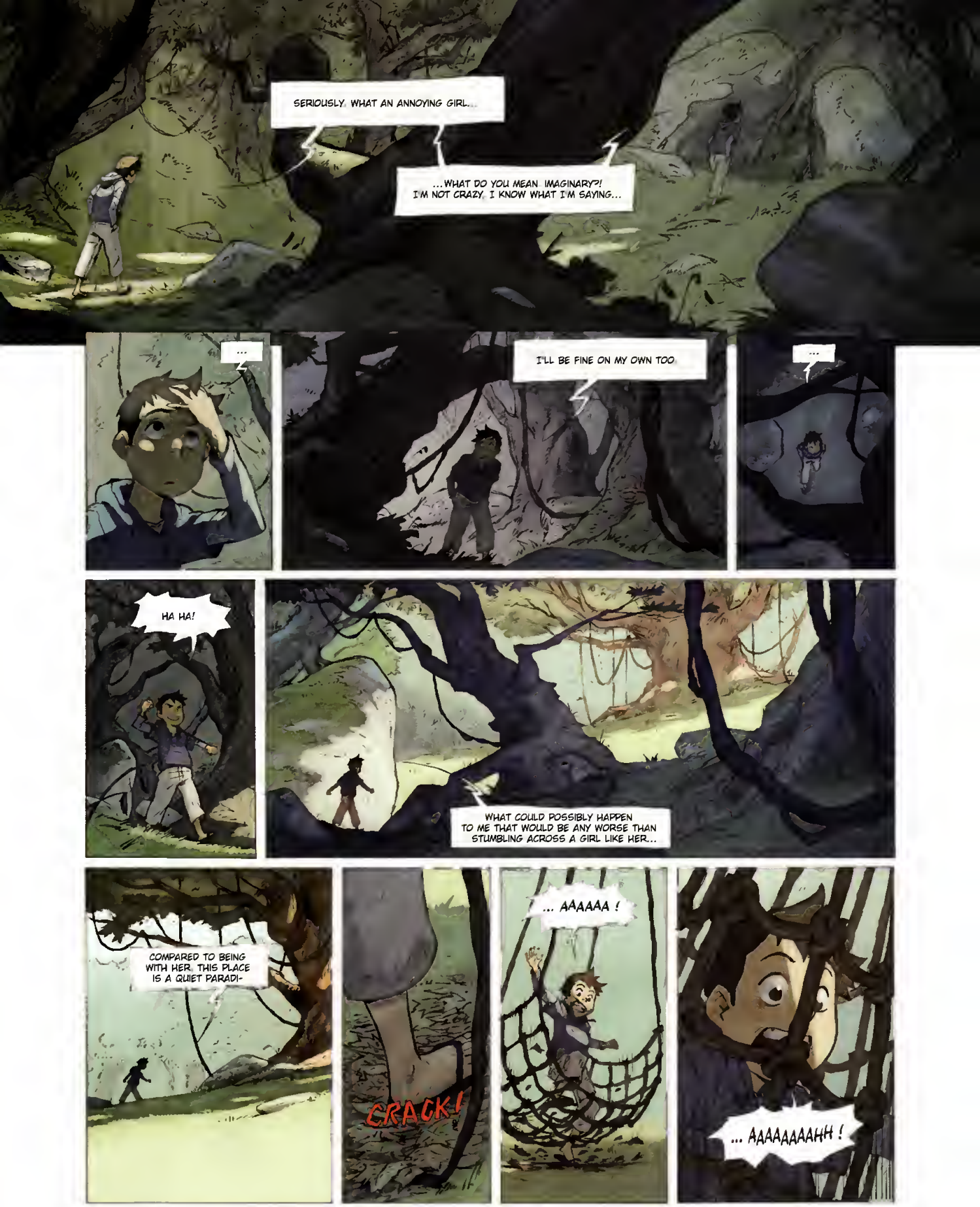

WHERE ARE WE? HOW COME YOU CAN FLY? WHAT ABOUT THE STORM?
AND THE TOAD MAN AND... AND... WHAT'S GOING ON?
LISTEN TO ME, MILO. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME...
I BROUGHT YOU TO THIS SIDE OF THE LAKE. YOU MUST MEET WITH SOMEONE...
SOMEONE? WHO?
I CANNOT TELL YOU YET, BUT THEY'RE NOT HERE.
WHICH MEANS SOMETHING GRAVE HAS HAPPENED...
YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY WITH VALIA, AND GIVE ME TIME TO SEE WHAT HAS HAPPENED...
BUT YOU MUST LEAVE THIS BEACH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND TAKE REFUGE IN THE FOREST. I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU LATER...
BUT WHY?
JUST DO AS I TELL YOU, MILO. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT!
BUT... BUT... YOU CAN TALK...
IN OUR WORLD, MANY THINGS DON'T WORK QUITE AS THEY DO IN YOURS, MILO... YOU WILL HAVE TO GET USED TO IT...
YOUR WORLD?

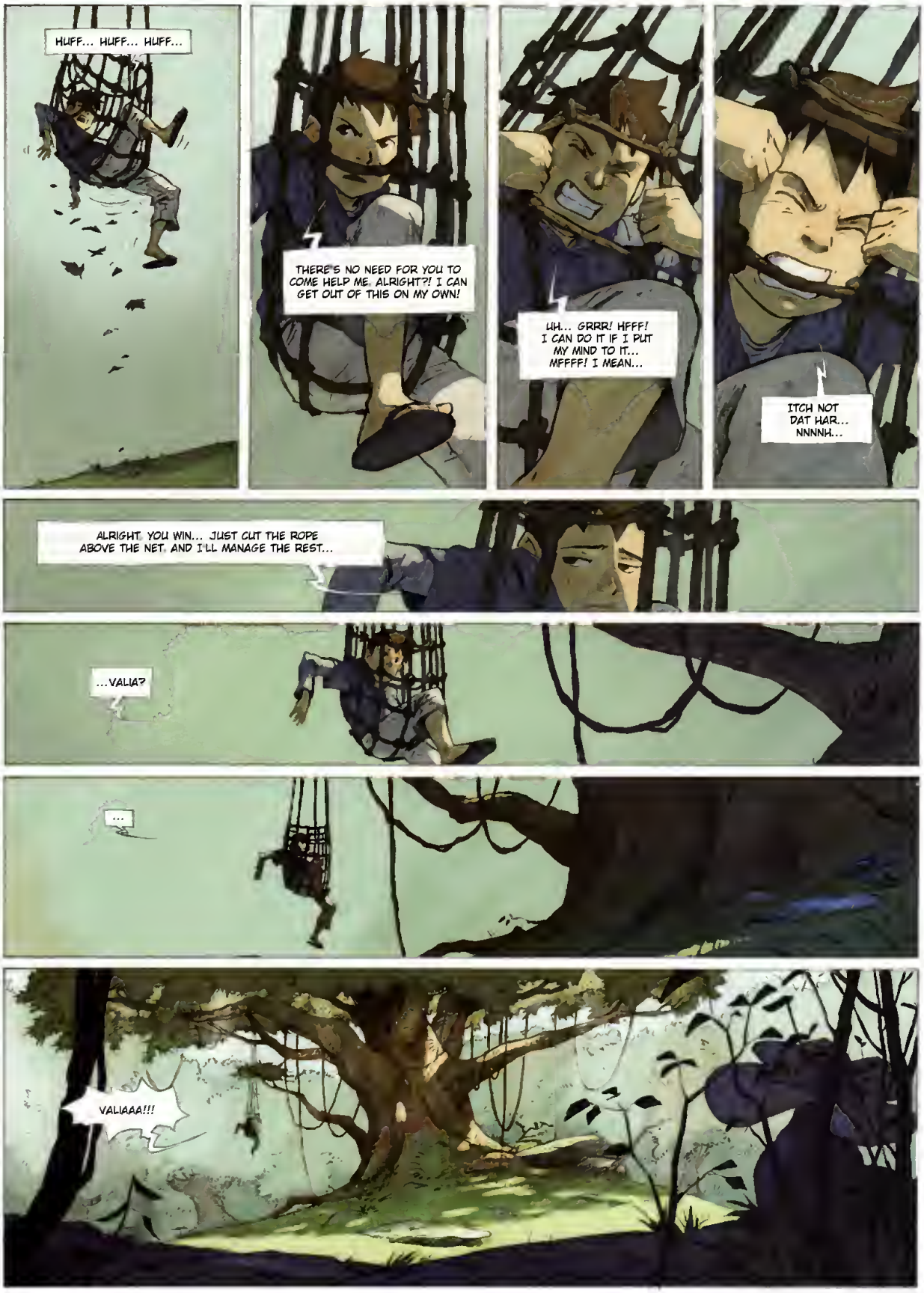
YOU'RE KIDDING ME!
REMEMBER TO STAY TOGETHER... I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU.
OKAY, BUT...
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU!
?!
HMM?!
I'M RIGHT HERE, NO NEED TO SHOUT.
AH, I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU. BUT AT ANY RATE WE HAVE TO GO, THIS BEACH ISN'T SAFE...
COME ON! WE CAN'T STAY HERE...
WE'RE HERE ALREADY? THAT WAS SHORTER THAN EXPECTED...
SHORTER THAN LAST TIME, BUT ALSO WETTER... I CAN FEEL THE CORNS ON MY FEET AGAIN...
WHERE DID MILO AND THE GIRL GO?
LOOK AT THOSE FOOTPRINTS: THEY WENT INTO THE FOREST.
OH, THOSE POOR KIDS MIGHT GET LOST...
OH! LIKE A TREASURE HUNT! THIS IS GONNA BE FUN... DOESN'T IT TAKE YOU BACK?

AND I'M JUST SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE YOU?
ARE YOU CALLING ME A LIAR?!
OH NO, SOUNDS MORE LIKE YOU HIT YOUR HEAD ON THE SIDE OF THE BOAT WHEN WE GOT HIT BY THAT WAVE, AND THEN SOME WATER GOT IN YOUR HEAD AND DILUTED YOUR BRAIN...
SEE, THERE'S SOME DRIPPING OUT YOUR EARS...
HEY, I WOKE UP BEFORE YOU DID, REMEMBER?
SO WHAT? MAYBE YOU JUST THOUGHT YOU WERE AWAKE AND DREAMED YOU SAW A FLYING, TALKING FISH...
THAT WAS NO DREAM!
AT LEAST YOU DON'T HAVE IT AS BAD AS I DO.
WELL, WELL... SO YOU WEREN'T DREAMING. YOU JUST SAW A GOLDEN FISH FLOATING IN THE SKY LIKE THE SUN. AND ALTHOUGH YOU DIDN'T RECOGNIZE IT, IT SPOKE TO YOU IN YOUR MIND. QUITE NORMAL...
AND WHY'S THAT?
EVEN IN YOUR HEAD, YOU HAVE FISHES TELLING YOU TO STICK WITH ME SO THAT I CAN PROTECT YOU. GETTING RID OF YOU WON'T BE EASY.
YEAH RIGHT, DON'T BE DUMB.
WHAT'S DUMB ABOUT IT?

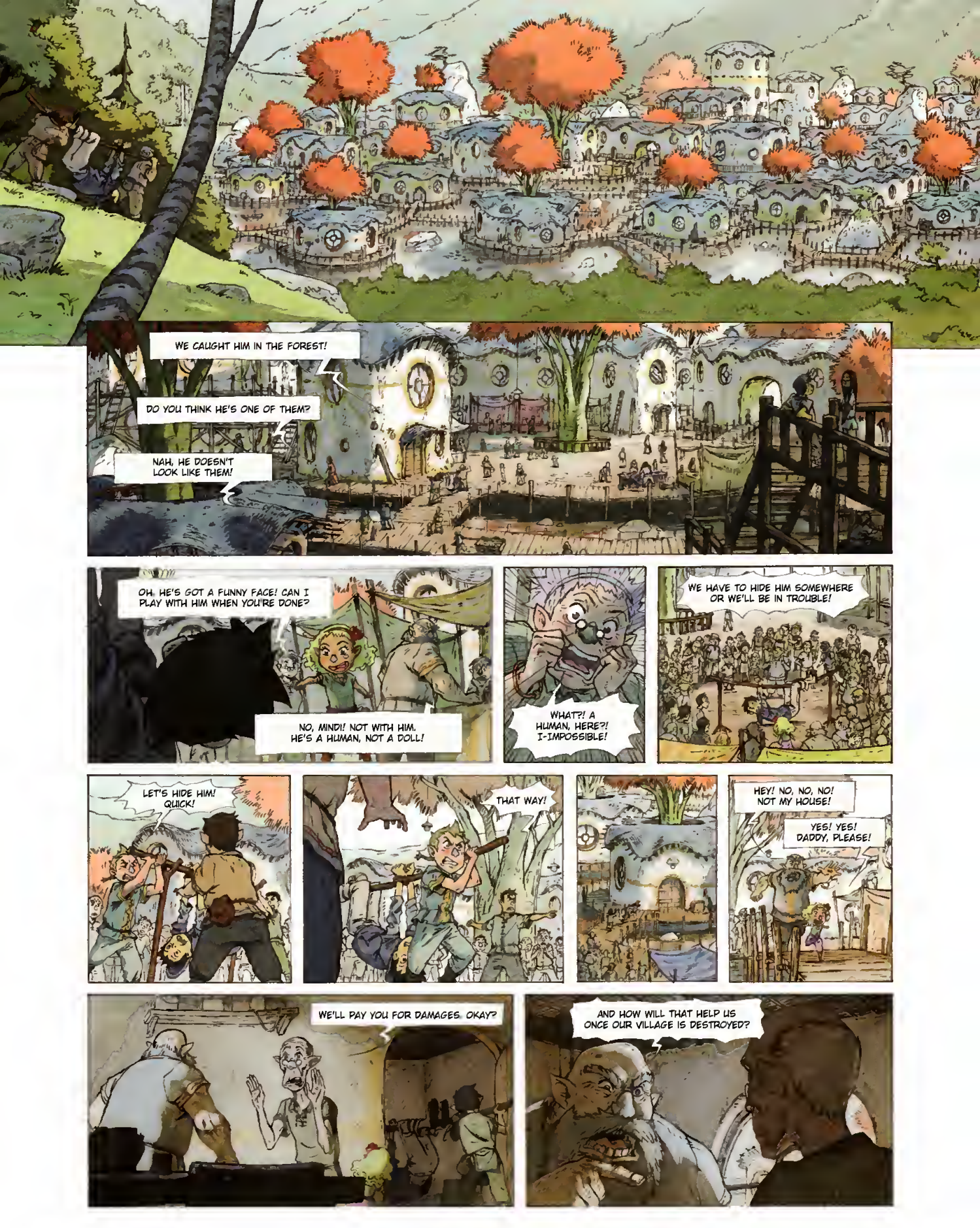
HAHAHA! 'CAUSE IT'S NOT LIKE I NEED YOUR PROTECTION. QUITE THE OPPOSITE...
WITHOUT ME YOU'D STILL BE IN THAT SACK, OR EVEN WORSE, IN THAT TOAD'S BELLY!
IS THAT SO? AND WHERE WOULD YOU BE IF I HADN'T HELPED YOU ESCAPE FROM YOUR HOUSE?
YOU'D BE KEEPING ME COMPANY IN HIS BELLY, DOOFUS!
WITH YOU? YUCK. THAT'S GROSS! BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE JUST STAYED PUT, I WOULD HAVE DUG MY WAY OUT OR SOMETHING...
WITH WHAT? THOSE TINY TEETH, PERHAPS?
WELL, I'D HAVE BEEN ON TOP OF YOU, SO IT'D BE EASY FOR ME...
I COULD JUST CLIMB MY WAY OUT, BUT NOT YOU!
IF YOU TRIED, I'D HAVE JUST GRABBED YOUR LEGS AND LET HIM DIGEST US BOTH!
...
WHAT NOW? IS IT SPEAKING TO YOU AGAIN?
WHAT?

YOUR GOLDEN FISH! WITH THAT DOPEY LOOK ON YOUR FACE, YOU'RE PROBABLY HEARING HIM AGAIN, RIGHT?
...
I DON'T LOOK DOPEY! YOU'RE THE ONE STARING LIKE A DOPE! CUT IT OUT!
...
AH, FORGET THIS! YOU KNOW WHAT, I'M GOING AHEAD!
YOU'LL BE JUST FINE ON YOUR OWN!
YOU BET! AND IF YOU MEET YOUR IMAGINARY FISH, TELL IT TO NOT WRECK WHAT LITTLE IS LEFT OF YOUR BRAIN!
BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH...
GOOD RIDDANCE...
SBROUF!


SERIOUSLY. WHAT AN ANNOYING GIRL...
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IMAGINARY?! I'M NOT CRAZY, I KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING...
...
I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN TOO.
...
HA HA!
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN TO ME THAT WOULD BE ANY WORSE THAN STUMBLING ACROSS A GIRL LIKE HER...
COMPARED TO BEING WITH HER, THIS PLACE IS A QUIET PARADI-
CRACK!
... AAAAAA !
... AAAAAAAAHH !

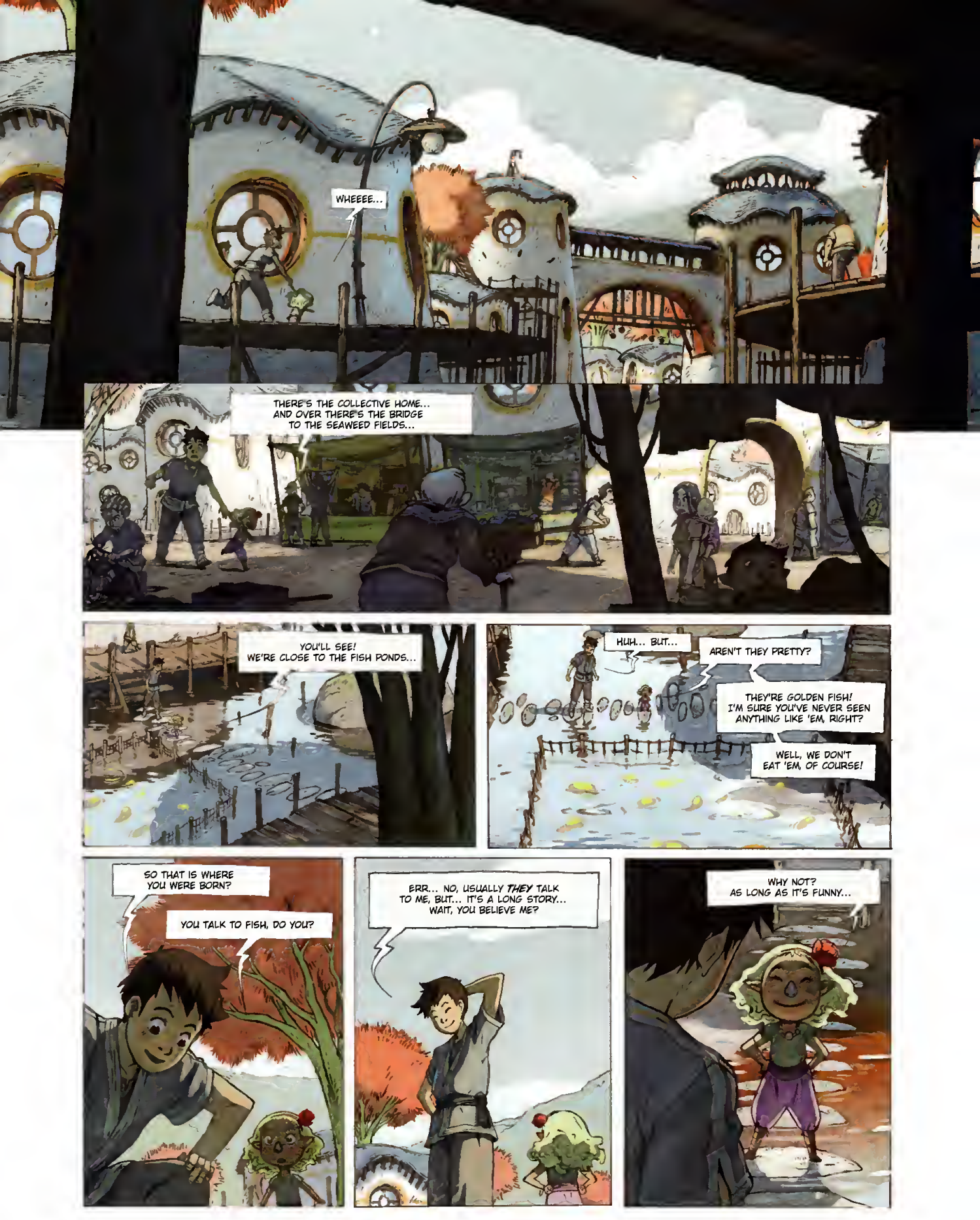

HUFF... HUFF... HUFF...
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO COME HELP ME, ALRIGHT?! I CAN GET OUT OF THIS ON MY OWN!
UH... GRRR! HFFF! I CAN DO IT IF I PUT MY MIND TO IT... MFFFF! I MEAN...
ITCH NOT DAT HAR... NNNNH...
ALRIGHT, YOU WIN... JUST CUT THE ROPE ABOVE THE NET, AND I'LL MANAGE THE REST...
...VALIA?
...
VALIAAA!!!

VALIAAA!!!
I MEAN, REALLY! WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS...
DO YOU SEE THAT? THE FOOTPRINTS ARE GOING TO THE LEFT, JUST LIKE LAST TIME...
ARE YOU SURE THIS WAS EVEN THE SAME PATH?
WASN'T IT TO THE RIGHT LAST TIME?
HMM. I DON'T LIKE THIS...
OH NO. NOT ONE BIT...
..NOT ONE!
HMM...
SAY, COULD YOU LET ME GO NOW?
OR AT LEAST HOLD ME UP A BIT HIGHER SO-
...OUCH!
TAP!
HEY, CAN'T YOU BE MORE CAREF-
WHOA!


WE CAUGHT HIM IN THE FOREST!
DO YOU THINK HE'S ONE OF THEM?
NAH, HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEM!
OH, HE'S GOT A FUNNY FACE! CAN I PLAY WITH HIM WHEN YOU'RE DONE?
NO, MIND! NOT WITH HIM. HE'S A HUMAN, NOT A DOLL!
WHAT?! A HUMAN, HERE?! I-IMPOSSIBLE!
WE HAVE TO HIDE HIM SOMEWHERE OR WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE!
LET'S HIDE HIM! QUICK!
THAT WAY!
HEY! NO, NO, NO! NOT MY HOUSE!
YES! YES! DADDY, PLEASE!
WE'LL PAY YOU FOR DAMAGES. OKAY?
AND HOW WILL THAT HELP US ONCE OUR VILLAGE IS DESTROYED?

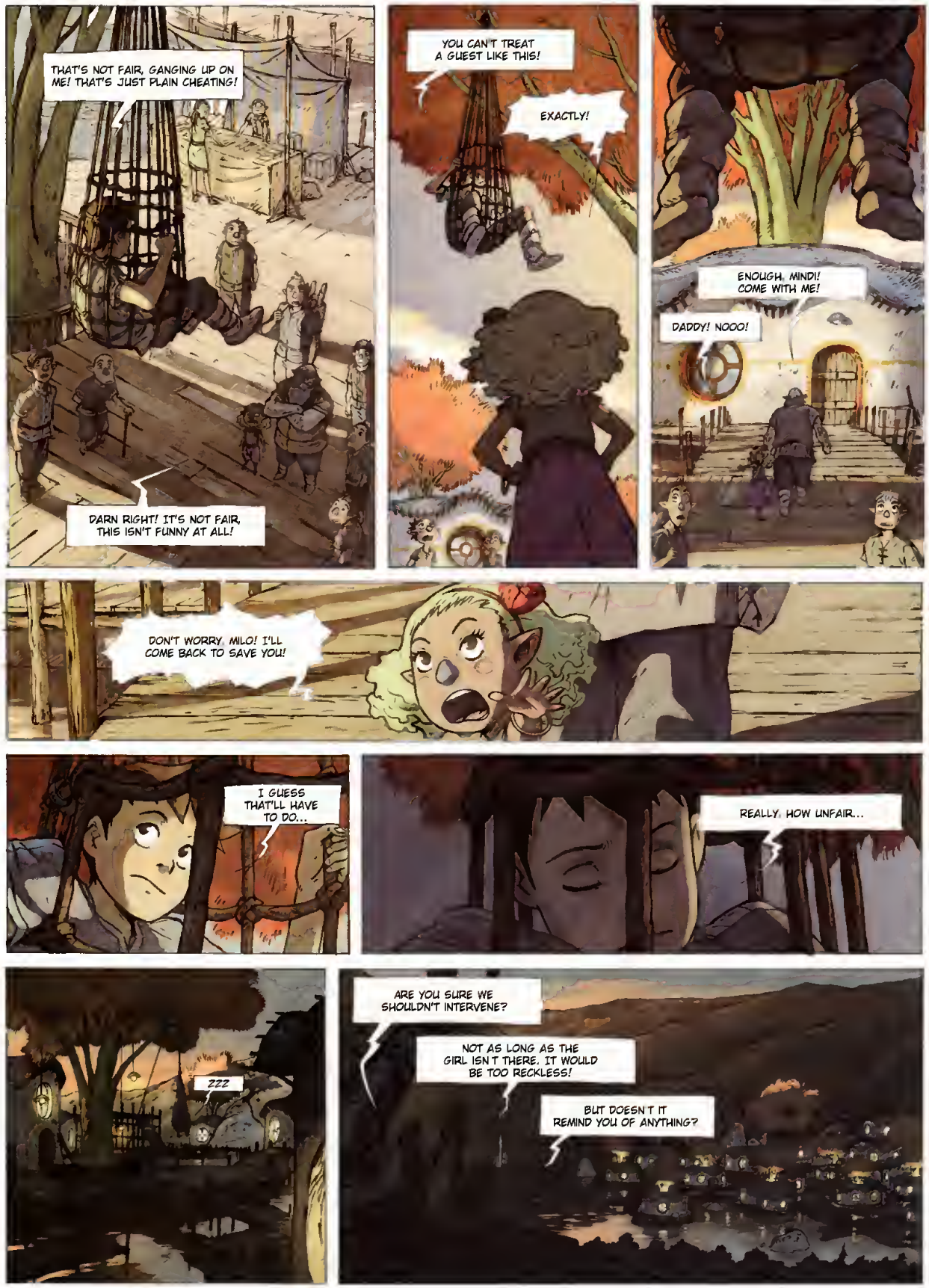
THIS NO WAY TO TREAT A GUEST!
CROuuuiii
HOW DO WE DO IT, DADDY?
FIRST WE PEEL THEM, THEN BOIL THEM, THAT WAY ALL THE FLAVOR IS PRESERVED...
MMM... I'M HUNGRY ALREADY!
OH NO, PLEASE DON'T EAT ME! I'M NOT TASTY AT ALL!
WHERE I COME FROM, WE STUFF OURSELVES WITH JUNK FOOD! CANDIES OF EVERY COLOUR IMAGINABLE! YOU'D CATCH SOME DISEASE!
YOU THINK WE EAT HUMANS? HE'S TOTALLY NUTS, ISN T HE, DADDY?
I TOLD YOU HE WAS A FUNNY ONE, DIDN'T I?
LET ME GO!
HE DOESN'T LOOK DANGEROUS, DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD FREE HIM, DADDY? MAYBE HE'S HUNGRY?
AH... FINE!
BLAAM!

I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND WHILE DADDY COOKS SUPPER
YOU SHOULD CHANGE CLOTHES, THOUGH!
IT'S PROBABLY A LITTLE SMALL BUT WITH A FEW ADJUSTMENTS...
PFFF! HEE HEE HEE!
SO? ARE YOU COMING?
ARE YOU SURE I CAN COME OUT?
OF COURSE, NO NEED TO BE SHY! YOU'RE JUST LIKE US, NOW.
IF YOU SAY SO...
WELL... ALMOST LIKE US!
...


WHEEEE...
THERE'S THE COLLECTIVE HOME... AND OVER THERE'S THE BRIDGE TO THE SEAWEED FIELDS...
YOU'LL SEE! WE'RE CLOSE TO THE FISH PONDS...
HUH... BUT...
AREN'T THEY PRETTY?
THEY'RE GOLDEN FISH! I'M SURE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE 'EM, RIGHT?
WELL, WE DON'T EAT 'EM, OF COURSE!
SO THAT IS WHERE YOU WERE BORN?
YOU TALK TO FISH, DO YOU?
ERR... NO, USUALLY THEY TALK TO ME, BUT... IT'S A LONG STORY... WAIT, YOU BELIEVE ME?
WHY NOT? AS LONG AS IT'S FUNNY...

SCBHROOF
YUCK... VEGETABLES...
AT LEAST TRY A SPOONFUL BEFORE COMPLAINING... AND IF YOU STILL DON'T LIKE IT, YOU CAN EAT JUST HALF OF THE PLATE, BUT YOU MUST MAKE AN EFFORT...
...RIGHT, DADDY?
EXACTLY, MINDI...
SO, MILO... WHY DON'T YOU TELL US HOW YOU ENDED UP HERE?
WELL, IT'S SO INCREDIBLE I'M NOT SURE YOU'LL BELIEVE ME...
HA HA HA! SEE, ISN'T HE FUNNY?
COME ON, TELL US. WHAT ARE YOU, EXACTLY? THE SON OF A GIANT? WHAT SECRET DID YOU USE TO GROW SO BIG?
AND DON'T GIVE ME THAT "EAT YOUR SOUP" STUFF, I'M NOT A DUMMY! I'VE ALREADY TRIED THAT, AND IT DOESN'T WORK AT ALL!
BLAAM!
MINDI, PIPE DOWN!
WELL, YOU SEE...
I COME FROM SOMEWHERE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE...
...
OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE?!
I TOLD YOU YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME... SLURP!

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE, MILO. THERE'S NOTHING ON THE OTHER SIDE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
THERE'S NOTHING OF NOTE THERE, JUST DRIED UP FORESTS, PUTRID SWAMPS, SALTY DESERTS...
...I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU'D COME FROM THERE!
NO, NO! OVER THERE, I HAVE A HOUSE JUST BESIDE THE LAKE, AND THERE'S A VILLAGE WITH THE OLD GRANNIES AND ALL...
SHAY, THIS SHTUFF'S ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD!
THE OTHER VILLAGES AROUND THE LAKE WERE LOST LONG AGO! WE'RE THE LAST SURVIVORS! THE LAST ONES!
I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, I MEAN IT'S MY VILLAGE AFTER ALL!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, YOU HEAR?!
DAD!!!
OH COME ON, ARE YOU GONNA SAY I'M A LIAR TOO?! IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT VALIA THINKS THAT!
WHAT? YOU KNOW THAT THIEF?
A... A THIEF?!
YES, A THIEF!
I WON'T LET YOU CALL MY FRIEND A THIEF! JUST SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME!


THAT'S NOT FAIR, GANGING UP ON ME! THAT'S JUST PLAIN CHEATING!
DARN RIGHT! IT'S NOT FAIR, THIS ISN'T FUNNY AT ALL!
YOU CAN'T TREAT A GUEST LIKE THIS!
EXACTLY!
ENOUGH, MINDI! COME WITH ME!
DADDY! NOOO!
DON'T WORRY, MILO! I'LL COME BACK TO SAVE YOU!
I GUESS THAT'LL HAVE TO DO...
REALLY, HOW UNFAIR...
ZZZ
ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULDN'T INTERVENE?
NOT AS LONG AS THE GIRL ISN'T THERE. IT WOULD BE TOO RECKLESS!
BUT DOESN'T IT REMIND YOU OF ANYTHING?

?
HUH? WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
OH, THOSE JERKS! THEY DUMPED ME IN THE MIDDLE OF A SWAMP!
THOSE GUYS HAVE NO SENSE OF HOSPITALITY, SERIOUSLY...
OH!
HEY! WAIT, DON'T GO AWAY!
SPLASH!
SPLOSH!
DON'T LEAVE ME HERE...
...ALONE!
OH NO!
NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!
NOOOOOOOO...

NOOOOOOO!
SLASH!
AAAAAH!!!
OUCH!!!
BROUF!
GET OUT OF THERE QUICK, IDIOT!
VALIA? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
WHAT'S GOING ON IS THAT YOU'VE DRAWN TROUBLE TO OTHERS, AND I HAD TO COME SAVE YOU AGAIN.
HURRY UP!
WE CAN'T STAND AROUND HERE!
ROOOO...
OKAY, YOU GOT ME OUT OF TROUBLE, BUT COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT...
NO, MILO, WATCH OUT! NOT THAT...
...WAY!
AAAAAAH!

!!!
BROOAAOOO
WHAT ARE THOSE .. THINGS?!
...
THEY'RE AXOLOTLS MADE BY THE SORCERER... HE HAS THE POWER TO TRANSFORM AND BREATHE LIFE INTO ANYTHING ON THIS SIDE OF THE LAKE...
FOLLOW ME! WE'VE GOTTA CLIMB UP HIGHER OR WE'LL BE CRUSHED...
THE... SORCERER? WHAT'S ALL THIS, NOW? NOBODY EVER TELLS ME ANYTHING!
HELP!!!
?!

HEEELP! THAT'S HORRIBLE! THE AXOLOTLS WILL EAT MILO! YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
MINDI! GET OUT OF THERE!
MILO... NO, DON'T...
MILO!
BRAAAM!
MINDI! STAY STILL, OKAY?
AAAAH!
BRAOOM!
DON'T WORRY, MILO! I WON'T LET GO, I CAME BACK TO SAVE YOU!
MILO! TAKE MY HAND!
HOW HORRIBLE. THEY'RE DESTROYING EVERYTHING...

COME... APPROACH ME, PITIFUL CREATURES...
HAVE YOU BROUGHT WHAT I DEMANDED?
WELL... WE RAN INTO SOME TROUBLE, YOUR HIGHNESS...
BUT HERE'S OUR CAPTIVE...
HMM! HMM!
SPLOTCH
TRULY? THEN OPEN THE BAG, SO THAT I MAY GAZE UPON HIS FEATURES...
OH, SURELY THAT'S UNNECESSARY! HE WILL JUST SQUEAL LIKE A PIG ANYHOW! THANKFULLY YOUR MAGIC BAG DOES SUCH A GOOD JOB AT STIFLING HIS CRIES...
WE'LL BRING HIM AFTER HE CALMS. THERE'S NO RUSH. IN THE MEANTIME, YOU CAN...
YOU BACKWATER WRETCHES, WHAT ARE TRYING TO HIDE?!
SHHHH....
OINK! OIIINK!!!
GOOD-FOR-NOTHINGS! DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD LIE TO ME SO EASILY?!
WELL... I DIDN'T TECHNICALLY LIE, SINCE I SAID HE'D SQUEAL LIKE A PIG...
OINK! OIIINK!!!
FAILURES! THE ONE WE SEEK IS ALREADY HERE...
IT'S ONE OF HER TRICKS AGAIN... HER, AND THAT DAMNED GOLDEN FISH!

BECAUSE OF YOU, I'VE HAD TO SEND THE AXOLOTL AGAIN, TO TEACH THOSE STUPID VILLAGERS A LESSON...
MAY WE AT LEAST KEEP THE PIG? IT LOOKED SO TASTY, YOUR HIGHNESS...
HOW ABOUT YOU SHHHUT YOUR TRAP!
GO TO THE VILLAGE... AND BRING ME THAT INTRUDER...
I WANT TO KNOW WHO HE REALLY IS!
AND WHY OUR ENEMIES BROUGHT HIM TO OUR WORLD...
IF HE TRULY IS THE ONE WE BELIEVE HIM TO BE, YOU WILL HAVE TO KILL HIM...

...AND EAT HIM?
SHUSHH...

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